

## Letter from Eliza Symonds Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 29, 1875, with transcript

Copy of letter from Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell to her son, Alexander Graham Bell June 29, 75 Tutelo Heights, Brantford, Ont., Can., Home, June 29th, 75 (Prof. A. Graham Bell, 292 Essex Street, Salem, Mass. U. S.) My dear Aleck,

We are every hour expecting a telegram announcing the arrival of your cousins at Quebec. If your Father finds one when he goes into Town presently, he will not return home but go directly on to meet them at Toronto. They took passage in the Waldensian of the Allan Line, embarking at Glasgow. I have only time for a short note as I am busily making preparation for your cousins.

Your letter received on Saturday startled us a good deal, more from its highly excited strain, than from the matter written of, which was not such a very unlikely thing to happen. I have so often and so earnestly prayed that when the time came for you to take a wife, you might be led by Divine guidance to the right person, that I rest in an answer to my petition. In the present state of information therefore I can say nothing more, my dear boy, than caution you to let reason and inclination go hand in hand. It is not always that sudden attachments are lasting. Let us hear from you again as soon as possible. If you see Miss Fuller, give her my very fond love and say I will write as soon as possible, but in the meantime, she must not spend her holidays at home upon the chance of my being able to visit Boston this Summer, for I see not the slightest possibility of being able to do so. With dear love in which Papa unites,

Ever your affectionate Mother, E. G. Bell